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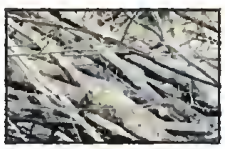

Clean up continues

Two weeks after the ice storm that hammered Ontario, the clean-up continues in BWG.

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Shave for Brave

Fundraising event takes place at W.H. Day this week.

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April Pools!

Bradford Times STaff

On April 1, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury was recognized by the Lifesaving Society-Ontario Branch, at the society's 107th annual general meeting – and awarded the Darnell Challenge Cup, in the 'Single Facility' category, for the second year in a row.

The Darnell Cup recognizes the Drowning Prevention commitment of the Livesaving Society's affiliate members and institutions, whose staff and volunteers raise funds for the WaterSmart Drowning Prevention program. The staff at the BWG Leisure Centre's Bradford Lions Aquatic Centre - supervisor Teresas Taylor, Tasha Bain, Taylor Losak, Courtney Boccia, Michaella Young, Nina Landolfi and Nathalie Armstrong - participated in a number of fundraising events in 2015, including April Pools Day, the BWG "Summer Olympics," bake sales, and a Spin to Win competition at CarrotFest.

They raised a total of $2,428 in 2015 – money that supported the mission of the Lifesaving Society, by supporting public education and activities to prevent drowning and water-related injuries.

The third annual Lifesaving Society April Pools Day event at the BWG Leisure Centre and Bradford Lions Aquatic Centre will be taking place this Saturday, April 16, from 1:15 to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Lions Club of Bradford, April Pools Day raises awareness of water safety, and provides instruction in everything from drowning prevention strategies, to proper lifejacket fitting. The goal is to help families prepare for the summer months, and change the statistics: last year in Ontario, 92 people lost their lives due to drowning – up from 86, in 2014.

The theme of April Pools Day is "Swimming is a Life Skill" - not only important as a physical activity, but as a vital skill for drowning prevention. The day also promotes the use of lifejackets and Personal Flotation Devices: just like seatbelts, lifejackets only save lives when worn. Potentially, half of all boating deaths might have been prevented had the boater been wearing a lifejacket or PFD.

During April Pools Day, participants of all ages will learn drowning prevention strategies, basic self-help skills and rescue techniques. At 2 p.m., there will be a lifejacket relay race competition between BWG Lifeguards, Bradford Lions, South Simcoe Police, BWG Fire and Emergency Services, and Simcoe County Paramedics. Participants will wear street clothes and Personal Flotation Devices "to simulate what it's like to fall in the water," said Taylor. "Last year, the lifeguards won... but I think the other teams have been practising."

Come out and watch the fun, donate to the Lifesaving Society's Drowning Prevention Fund – and help the Aquatics staff "three-peat" as winners of the Darnell Cup.

For more information, contact Teresa Taylor, Aquatic Supervisor, at 905-775-7529 ext. 8401 or ttaylor@townofbwg.com.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Clockwise from centre, aquatics supervisor Teresa Taylor with lifeguards Tasha Bain, Carolyn Roy, Michaella Young and Nina Landolfi, holding Darnell Challenge Cup awards from the Lifesaving Society, at the Lions Aquatic Centre.

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Taxi to GO will continue to roll

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will extend the Taxi-to-GO shared ride service for commuters for at least another year.

As part of its public transit plan, the town negotiated a shared-ride shuttle service with Town Taxi, for the morning and afternoon rush hours. In the morning, commuters can book a pick-up by cab at a specific bus stop, to be taken to the Bradford GO Train station, and brought back in the evening. Cost is $3 per person, or only 50 cents with a valid PRESTO card.

The original pilot project agreement expires on April 30. A report prepared by Adam Alessandrini, transit co-ordinator, recommended awarding a new one-year contract to Town Taxi, with the possibility of an extension for a second year.

Under the "Special Services -Community Service Providers" clause in the Town's Procurement Policy, the municipality is not required to follow a formal procurement process, Alessandrini noted – but an "informal" survey of three cab companies and bus transit operator Switzer-Carty confirmed that Town Taxi offers competitive pricing.

Town Taxi also has 14 licensed cabs, and a local office with 24/7 dispatch – and has indicated that it can accommodate future service expansion, if required.

The cost of Taxi-to-GO (operating approximately 6.5 hours per day during the week) was $70,000, last year. Future costs will depend on factors that include demand for service, fare structures, integration with GO transit, and changes to the GO schedule, council was told.

The pilot project was deemed a success. Over the first two years, use of the service more than doubled, from 3,500 to 7,500 riders.

Deputy Mayor James Leduc suggested that extending the hours of the town's bus service "might eliminate some of the need" for Taxi-to-GO, which operates between 5:50 and 7:55 a.m., and 5:20 and 7:20 p.m.

Bus Operations Manager Joe Coleman was asked if there had been any complaints from users of Taxi-to-GO.

"The taxi service lets us know," Coleman replied. "We do follow up with them regularly."

"If complaints are coming, they should be coming to the town... We hear from the residents, not from a third party," said Councillor Raj Sandhu, asking Coleman to find a way to collect comments. "We should be getting that feedback, good or bad."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
COUNTY OF SIMCOE
2016 DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, the Council of the County of Simcoe will hold a public meeting pursuant to the Development Charges Act, 1997, regarding proposed development charge rates and policies that will be applied throughout the County. It is proposed that enactment of a new Development Charges By-law by Council would occur on a date subsequent to this public meeting.

Development Charges are levied against new development, and are a primary source of funding for growth-related capital expenditures. The 2016 Development Charges Background Study relates to the provision of County wide services including roads, library, paramedic, long term care and senior services, social housing, public works, solid waste management and general government.

County Council is required under the Development Charges Act, 1997, to hold at least one public meeting to allow the public the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2016 County of Simcoe Development Charges Background Study, related staff reports, and the proposed Development Charges By-law.

All interested parties are invited to attend on:

Date and Time	Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.
Location/Room	Council Chambers, County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON

Copies of the Development Charges Background Study, related staff reports and the proposed Development Charges By-law will be available at the County Clerk's Department and on the County web site (simcoe.ca) on April 6, 2016.

Written submissions are invited and should be directed to John Daly, County Clerk, County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON L0L 1X0 [fax (705) 725-1285]. Written comments received by May 2, 2016 will be included on the public agenda, including names, addresses and phone numbers and considered by County Council prior to the enactment of a County of Simcoe Development Charges By-law.

Inquiries should be directed to Lealand Sibbick, Treasurer at (705) 726-9300 Ext. 1174.

The opportunity to address Council will be given to all interested parties. Those wishing to have their names included as scheduled speakers must advise John Daly, County Clerk, in writing, including their full name and mailing address, no later than May 2, 2016 at the above address, by fax (705) 725-1285, or by e-mail to Clerks@simcoe.ca.

Should the proposed by-law be amended following the public meeting, Council shall determine whether a further meeting is necessary and such a determination is final, and no further statutory notices in this regard will be published.

DATED AT the County of Simcoe this 14th day of April, 2016.

John Daly
County Clerk
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1110 Highway 26
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News Brief

Community Clean-up this weekend

A reminder... The BWG Community Clean-up will be taking place this Saturday, April 16, after being postponed last week. Participants are asked to meet at the old Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, before 9 a.m. on Saturday – to board the school buses, and participate in a clean-up of litter along streets, river valleys and parks. Gloves, garbage bags and reflective vests will be provided.

Clean-up will take place from 9 a.m. to about noon, when the volunteers will return to the Community Centre for a free pizza Lunch. For more information, to pre-register or arrange for student community hours, contact O'Hare at 905-775-5359 ext. 5201 or email *mohare@townofbwg.com*.

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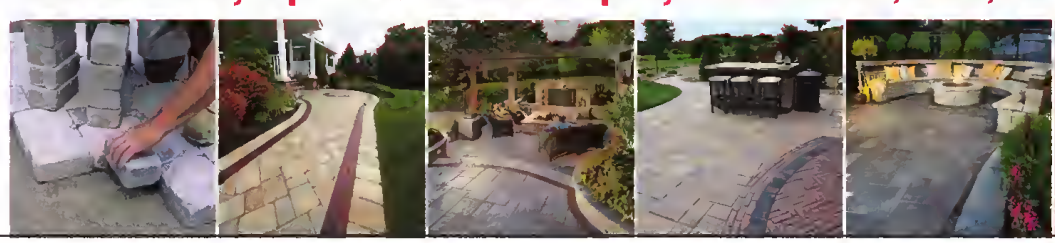

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Get ready for Walk and Wheel Wednesday

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

With childhood obesity on the rise, there have been efforts to get school kids out of their parents' vehicles and onto sidewalks and trails, to walk to and from school – but until now, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury hasn't been involved.

"Different communities are way ahead of us on this," said Councillor Gary Baynes, Chair of the Active Transportation/ Recreation Committee, in council on Tuesday night.

That's about to change.

This year, May 4 will be "Walk & Wheel Wednesday" at two Bradford schools, St. Angela Merici Catholic School and W.H. Day Elementary.

"In the Active Transportation Committee we thought, wouldn't it be neat if the kids actually *walked* to school," said Councillor Baynes. After meeting with the principals of both schools, May 4 was chosen as the date when kids will be encouraged to "walk, bike, skateboard, rollerblade, whatever," with the town offering prizes for the class with the highest number of participants taking human-powered transportation to school – no motorized scooters or hoverboards.

If the May 4 pilot effort is successful, "Walk and Wheel Wednesday" could be rolled out to all Bradford West Gwillimbury schools in the fall.

"This is about safety, as well as healthy habits, and dealing with traffic congestion," said Baynes, suggesting, "We've got a bigger job to train the parents, than train the kids."

The clean-up continues...

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Two weeks after the ice storm that hammered Ontario, the clean-up continues.

Bradford West Gwillimbury crews have been working to make a "first sweep" of local roads, picking up brush and tree branches – but were slowed down by recent snowstorms, Director of Community Services Terry Foran told council on April 5.

Foran estimated that it will take at least another five or six more days, "as our ability and our resources are available," to complete the initial clean-up, then make a second circuit. He noted that the County of Simcoe began its curbside collection of brush on April 4, to assist with the clean-up – but has more stringent requirements for the bundling of brush, and limits on the diameter of tree limbs and wood debris that will be accepted.

The town will be using its large equipment to help with the clean-up, but the process "will move a lot quicker if things are bundled," he said. "It does help us move quicker."

In Innisfil, councillors had praise for the efforts of town staff – not only dealing with downed trees and branches, but the extended power outage that left thousands in the dark, some for days.

The outages started around 8:30 p.m. on March 24, and over the next few hours, InnPower – the local power distribution company – lost multiple subtransmission feeders, and saw numerous wires down, a situation that continued as freezing rain brought down trees and branches.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

The clean-up of downed branches and trees continues, weeks after the 2016 Easter Weekend ice storm, in communities across Ontario.

The situation only worsened on March 25, when the Hydro One feeds were lost – resulting in "all of InnPower's customers losing power for the first time since the great blackout in 2003," a report to Innisfil council noted.

Town staff, Innpower, Innisfil Fire & Rescue, Inn Services and South Simcoe Police worked, in some cases around the clock, to restore service, repair damage and ensure roads were clear and open.

"It was just really so well done. Everybody knew what their role was," said Deputy Mayor Lynn Dollin. "The people of Innisfil were extremely patient. Everybody was helping everybody out."

In Sandycove Acres adult lifestyle community, "over 1,800 seniors were without power," noted Councillor Donna Orsatti. The outage also led to a "boil water" advisory, for residents on the private water system.

As for the clean-up of brush and broken trees, "It's going to remain ongoing for several weeks," said Manager of Operations Jason Inwood. Residents were advised to check their properties for dangling and dangerous broken tree limbs, and to pile brush and wood at the curbside, away from live lanes of traffic.

The county began its curbside brush pick-up on April 4, but has asked that brush be cut into "manageable lengths" no more than two metres long, and tied in bundles weighing no more than 20 kg. The county isn't collecting larger branches or fallen trees, but advises homeowners to cut the larger limbs into firewood, and leave the wood out for others to use. Residents can also "self-haul" brush to local waste management facilities, at no charge.

News Brief

Khalsa Day flag-raising

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will mark Khalsa Day, and the founding of the Sikh Order of the Khalsa, with a flag-raising at the Bradford Courthouse, 57 Holland St. East, at noon on Saturday, April 16. The community is invited to attend, for the proclamation, flag-raising, and Indian refreshments.

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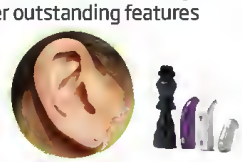

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Point of View

Epidemic of despair

What will it take before governments act to resolve the systemic inequities that face First Nations people?

A suicide "epidemic," apparently.

The situation at Attawapiskat has galvanized action: 101 suicide attempts since September, out of a population of 2,000; 28 attempts in March alone; and on April 9, a suicide pact among up to 12 young people, that has left at least two people still in hospital.

The Attawapiskat Chief and Council have declared a state of emergency, which brought in emergency mental health care workers from the Weeneebayko Health Authority, Health Canada, and the province – but it's a bandaid.

The problems in the remote community on James Bay can't be fixed by "emergency" response alone, not when so many long-standing conditions are contributing to a generation of despair.

There's the isolation. The lack of job opportunities. The barriers to education, when an underfunded elementary school system must send kids hundreds if not thousands of kilometres away for secondary schooling in an alien place and culture, for which they may not be prepared. The systemic and underlying prejudice that has made First Nations kids second class citizens in their own country. Overcrowded and substandard housing. The long, long shadows of the Residential schools. Substance abuse. Lack of social services and health care.

The new federal government has pledged to provide funding, for education, housing and infrastructure, family services – but the funding will come over the next five years, with largest amount available at the back end of the funding model.

The situation in Attawapiskat shows that some things can't wait. It may take time to come up with new housing models, to explore the best infrastructure to provide a sustainable supply of clean water on reserves and in northern and remote communities, to open the bidding process and get construction under way, but there is no reason why there can't be immediate steps taken - to address the inequities in education, to engage the people in developing a curriculum that not only meets Provincial standards but embraces Aboriginal cultures, to create online links and dialogue between every Reserve elementary school and their Secondary Schools that will foster both familiarity, and respect.

And to provide the needed health care and family services, in both the short and long term, to address emergency situations before they arise. Before dozens of kids see suicide as an option.

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Last year's rescued orphaned White Tailed Deer fawns, safe at Procyon Wildlife near Beeton, Ont.

Letters to the Editor

PROCYON NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

To the editor: The Procyon Wildlife animal rescue and shelter is open for the season, and the first young orphans have arrived. Procyon is in need of volunteers to feed and care for the many animals that are brought in every spring and summer. If you are at least 18 years old and can spare four hours per week for the next three to four months, we would love to hear from you. Full training is provided.

Procyon Wildlife is a registered charity and licensed rehab facility, operated entirely by volunteers. We do not receive government funding, and rely completely on donations and fundraising to pay the many bills associated with wildlife rehabilitation. We are located at 6441 Line 7 of New Tecumseth, near Beeton. For information or to get involved call 905-729-0033 or email *volunteering@procyonwildlife.com*.

CATHIE BRENNER
PROCYON WILDLIFE VOLUNTEER

CRISIS RESPONSE NEEDED

Open Letter to Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs: OPP have confirmed 9 deaths, in a fire March 29 on the Pikangikum First Nation Reserve, a remote community 100 km north of Red Lake. Reports from the community identify the victims as 3 children and 6 adults, all members of the same family- including an 8 month old infant.

During the past 11 years, I have worked in a northern community in Ontario, and witnessed the devastation of deaths by fire on First Nations reserves, and their effect on families and communities. Children and youth who have participated in our summer programs are no longer with us, their lives and potential lost to their surviving families, communities and to Canada, taken by preventable fires.

I understand that governments can't demand that homes on the reserves comply with fire regulations, but they can make funds available to put smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in every home on reserves, by providing funds that can only be utilized for this purpose.

There are detectors that can be purchased for as little as $25, and probably less, if purchased in bulk. They last 10 years and are run on batteries, after which the unit is replaced with another 10-year alarm. The federal government can quickly get agreement from First Nations Chiefs and get the job done by the end of this summer, this year, as no special skills are needed to install the units. This initiative will not address the loss of homes and property due to lack of firefighting equipment, training and inadequate infrastructure, but it will potentially address the issue of needless loss of life.

Infrastructure will take time to complete, and it is already too late for the many that have died needlessly due to house fires. This issue is a crisis for First Nations people living on reserves, and requires a crisis response from your ministry. Minister, I urge you to take immediate action to prevent further deaths on reserves due to fire.

Please respond, as a sign that you agree this issue requires a crisis response by the Government of Canada, First Nations, and aboriginal leaders. We must not stand by and witness more needless deaths on reserves, when there is something that can be done as an initial preventative response.

PAUL R. BURSTON
BOND HEAD

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A happy 60th anniversary

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Judith and Allen Tomlinson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 9, surrounded by family, friends and neighbours – and many of whom whose lives they have touched through their involvement in the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, Bond Head Horticultural Society, as volunteers at Bradford Valley Community Care centre, and through their church. The secret to their successful marriage is not only staying involved, but their deep faith - and "Jesus, who has kept us and preserved us all these years," Allen said. Judith Pedlar and Allen Tomlinson were both members of Fairlawn United Church in Toronto when they met. They were married on April 7, 1956, and have three children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The anniversary luncheon was held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, with presentations by MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan, MPP Julia Munro, and Mayor Rob Keffer. "As much as we celebrate the past, we look forward to the present and the future," Allen said, thanking all who came.

Proclaiming Volunteer Week in BWG

Bradford West Gwillimbury's mayor and council have proclaimed April 10-16 as Volunteer Week, recognizing the important work of volunteers in the community.

Volunteers are integral to many of the town's programs including leisure programs and community events. The town itself relies on the many individuals who serve on the town's committees.

"Committee membership is an important way for residents to be directly involved in setting the direction for our community," said Mayor Rob Keffer. "It allows council to benefit from the experience and expertise of our residents on important issues like accessibility, heritage, housing and more.

"Volunteers are tremendous assets, and volunteer week is a great opportunity to thank not only those who volunteer for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, but everyone who gives freely of their time to help community and non-profit organizations. Thank you for your service and generosity!"

For more information on Town of BWG committees, see *www.townofbwg.com.*

Police Academy at the Danube Centre

South Simcoe Police are working with the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre to offer a unique look at policing. The **Citizens' Police Academy, seniors' version**, will be held at the centre for six consecutive Wednesdays – May 4 to June 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) Participants in this free program will learn about internet safety, personal safety and road safety, meet the South Simcoe Canine Unit and Police Service Dog Chase, and finally, take a tour of the police station. Please pre-register by calling the Danube Centre at 905-775-0612. Note: registration is limited to 30. Sessions will be held upstairs at the Danube Centre; be aware that there is no elevator.

Coming up:

. **Birthday Luncheon** on Thursday, April 21 at 11:30 a.m. - enjoy pot roast, mushroom gravy, roast potatoes, vegetables, dessert, coffee or tea, only $8 for members, $9 for non-members, at the door.

. CHATS presents a **Seniors Health Seminar** at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., on Thursday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to noon: Make Your House a Home for a Lifetime. Guest Speaker Christy Skelly, Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist, will provide information on making changes and addressing accessibility issues, to allow Aging in Place. The workshop is free, but please RSVP to Linda Ind, at 1-877- 452-4287 ext. 6211. Lunch will be available following the seminar, only $6 for Danube Centre members, $7 for non-members. For more information on CHATS, Community & Home Assistance To Seniors, see *www.chats.on.ca*

Construction is now underway on Simcoe Road. The road may be reduced to a single lane, with temporary traffic lights controlling the flow of traffic - but you can get through!

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Meetings & Announcements

Town Council

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole
- Tues. Apr. 19 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library 42S Holland St. W., Zima Room

Board/Committee

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
- Thu. Apr. 14 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library 425 Holland St. W., Boardroom

Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Mon. Apr. 18 @ 6:30 p.m. – Engineering Services 30S Barrie St., Boardroom

Police Services Board
- Mon. Apr. 18 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library 42S Holland St. W., Zima Room

Library Board
- Mon. Apr. 18 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library 42S Holland St. W., Boardroom

Active Transportation Committee
- Wed. Apr. 20 @ 6:30 p.m. – Engineering Services 305 Barrie St., Boardroom

Proclamations

- **Khalsa Day – April 16, 2016**
  Flag raising: Sat. Apr. 16 @ 12:00 noon
  BWG Courthouse, 57 Holland St. East

Competitive Bids

Request for Tender: #T-16-24C
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Request for Proposal: #P-16-29
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Closing: April 20 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

Request for Tender: #T-16-30M
Arboricultural Services
Closing: April 26, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

Request for Proposal: #P-16-18
Corporate phone system replacement
Closing: April 27, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

Bid documents may be obtained by registering for these opportunities at: www.biddingo.com/townofbwg

Water System Financial Plan

The Town of BWG is pleased to announce that in accordance with Section 3(S) of Ontario Regulation 4S3/07 Financial Plans, the current financial plan for the Bradford/Bond Head Drinking Water System is now available for review. The plan covers the period of 2016 to 2021, and outlines a long-term strategic plan developed to ensure the financial sustainability of the drinking water system.

The financial plan is posted at www.townofbwg.com/water and printed copies are available upon request free of charge at the Engineering Services office at 30S Barrie Street, Unit 2 during regular business hours (8:30am- 4:30pm, Monday-Friday).

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Events & Activities

Administration: **100 Dissette St, Units 7-8, Bradford**

Line 5 & Highway 400 Interchange Pre-Construction Notice

WHAT:

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has awarded the Line 5 & Highway 400 Interchange Construction Project to Dufferin Construction Company. Highway Construction Inspection Ontario Inc. has been retained to provide the Contract Administration and Construction Inspection services on behalf of the Town.

The Interchange project includes the following works to be completed:

- New Parclo A4 configuration interchange with Line 5 over Highway 400;
- 4-lane Line 5 roadway with a new 6-lane Line 5 bridge structure (4-travelled lanes and 2 turning/ ramp lanes) over Highway 400;
- Realign Side Road 5 and Coffey Road;
- Realign North Schomberg River (Fraser Creek), with improved natural channel with enhanced fish habitat;
- Signalize intersections and partial illumination along the project limits; and
- Watermain and forcemains installation throughout the length of the project.

WHERE:

The Construction limits of the interchange project are described in detail below:

- Along Highway 400, north and south of Line 5;
- Line 5 approximately 850 meters west of Highway 400 to 900 meters east Highway 400;
- Realignment of approximately 800 meters of Sideroad 5, South of Line 5 and 300 meters North of Line 5; and
- Realignment and extension of existing Coffey road for approximately 700 meters to the east

WHEN:

Works are scheduled to commence in April 2016 and are anticipated for completion in the Fall of 2018. Work will start with the clearing and removal of shrubs and trees within the project limits.

HOW YOU MAY BE AFFECTED:

Access along Line 5 will be restricted during the construction works primarily once the existing bridge structure is removed in March/April 2017 for a period of 18 months. The Town will ensure that residents affected within project limits will have ample notice of closures and detours.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact staff.

SURVEY NOTICES:

You will be contacted by GHD Canada shortly, requesting access to your property to complete a condition assessment of your home. Further, Ecotech will conduct water well surveys on private water wells within the project limits.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In an effort to ensure that the garbage, recycling and compost bins are picked up and returned to you on a weekly basis during construction, please write your house number on your bins.

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Contract Administrator
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Public Meeting: Encouraging seniors housing investment through a new Community Improvement Plan

The public is invited to attend a meeting to consider a new Community Improvement Plan. The aim of this CIP is to encourage private sector investment in housing that caters to seniors in Bradford West Gwillimbury. Anyone who wishes to speak to this subject or ask questions during the meeting is welcome to do so.

Public Meeting

- Tues. Apr. 19 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library 425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

The meeting will take place during the regular meeting of Council. For the complete meeting agenda please call 905-775-5366 or visit bradfordwestgwillimbury.civicweb.net.

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From right, founder and executive director of Young Adult Cancer Canada (YACC) Geoff Eaton thanks top fundraiser Teeghan and her dad Patrick.

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Students choose a style, before having their heads shaved for Young Adult Cancer Canada, at the Shave for the Brave event.

W.H. Day Elementary Shaves for the Brave

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Every year an estimated 7,000 young adults between the ages of 19 and 39 are diagnosed with cancer, in Canada.

"Cancer is a big-time challenge whenever it comes, whether you're two, 22 or 72," says Geoff Eaton, founder and executive director of Young Adult Cancer Canada (YACC) – but for young adults, who are just finishing school, starting a career, starting a family, and creating the foundation for the rest of their lives, it can be especially challenging, and isolating.

Eaton should know. He was first diagnosed with cancer at the age of 22, just after graduating from university and starting his own business.

"I was the first one of all my buddies to get cancer... They were supportive, but they didn't truly get what I was going through," Eaton says. "Really big and tough isolation. Isolation is the biggest thing."

He launched YACC to provide support and advocacy for an often-forgotten group of cancer patients, through web-based and face-to-face programs, including retreats and "powerful, life-changing" conferences.

YACC relies on fundraising for its programs – and "Shave for the Brave" is its top fundraiser, a campaign that asks "shavers" to raise money, and pledge to donate 10" of hair, or shave their heads completely bald, in solidarity with cancer patients who often lose their hair following chemotherapy.

Bradford schools have been big supporters of Shave for the Brave, with students, parents, even teachers participating and raising funds, ever since Fred C. Cook Public School first hosted Shave for tbe Brave back in 2012.

This year, W.H. Day Elementary School was the only Bradford school taking part, on April 8 – but it led the way, nationally.

The school set a fundraising goal of $15,000. In fact, its 34 Shavers raised over $25,000, "and that's not including our casb donations today," said organizer Lori Howe. "Tremendous response!"

W.H. Day was the No. 1 fundraiser in Canada – and nine-year-old student Teeghan Casavant, the top fundraising individual in the country. Teeghan raised over $9,000, through her Facebook page and sales of hand-made bracelets, for $2 each.

Teeghan learned about Shave for the Brave at a school assembly, at the end of February. "She came bome and she said she wanted to help," says mom Ashlee. Teeghan spent long hours, making the bracelets, and selling them door to door. "She blows my mind!"

Teeghan, whose long hair measured 23", was among the first to have her head shaved bald, joined by her dad Patrick. Every shaver received a yellow Shave for the Brave toque as they left the stage, as a thank-you and a badge of honour.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Morgan, 8, participates in Shave for the Brave for the first time - and isn't too sure about the clippers.

"This is little people doing big things," says Eaton. "To engage with the community this young, and to have such a powerful impact! W.H. Day won't find a fundraising event that is as inclusive as Shave for the Brave. It's not about who's the best athlete, who's the smartest, who's the most popular. Everyone gets the chance to get the 'high fives' and the applause.

"Any age, any grade, any amount" – supporting young adults with cancer.

Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillor Gary Lamb, a school bus driver, helped open the event. Representing the town, he presented the school and Shave for the Brave with a cheque for $100.

By the end of the day, the fundraising total came to over $27,000 - thanks to students, parents, teachers, a supportive community, and the volunteer stylists who provided their talent and tools - Angie Hart of Angie's Hair with Hart, Christine Spicer of Sport Clips Aurora, Celia Tavares of Mary & Vita's Hair Design, Adelina Brito of Tina's Friendly Hair Salon, and Jennifer Galdiks, Shannon Nevit and Amanda Posteraro of The Hair Company Academy - to give Sbavers "the most important haircut of their lives."

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Ladies Only Bazaar

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Auxiliary of Bradford and Barrie are hosting the Meena Bazaar, a Ladies Only event at the Bond Head Community Hall on Sunday, April 24 from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Enjoy delicious ethnic foods, including biryani and samosas, experience the art of Henna painting, and enjoy services that include eyebrow threading, and nail art for kids, at a nominal price. For more details, email *outreach.simcoe@gmail.com.*

Tea and Country music at the legion

This Saturday, April 16, the legion welcomes ***Brett Baker Live Country***, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are only $10 per person, at the legion, for an evening of great music, door prizes and light evening snacks. All welcome!

High Tea! The Ladies Auxiliary invites everyone to don their finest tea party garb, and dress up in hats and gloves for afternoon tea on Sunday, April 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Tea, snacks, prizes and games – all welcome.

Friday Night Social Time. Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, enjoy dinner for a moderate fee, followed by music and camaraderie. Don't forget - on the first Friday of the month, enjoy Karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. No cover charge. For information, call the legion at 905-775-5025.

And mark May 7 on the calendar – the Down East Girls, Alice and Peggy, will be hosting a ***Mother's Day Rock & Roll Dinner and Dance*** at the legion, featuring hot turkey sandwiches, fries and coleslaw, and assorted desserts at 7 p.m., dancing to music by Debbie Dee's Entertainment services at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 per person, $40 per couple; call 905-775-6245 or 705-424-9378. Prizes for Hula Hoop and Limbo!

May 15 is ***Spring Clean-up Day*** at the legion, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come out and volunteer, to clean the branch inside and out! All welcome.

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a legion member to ask for assistance. Contact Veteran Services Officer Ron Harmer at 705-775-4919.

For more information on events, programs and membership in the Legion or the Ladies Auxiliary, or hall rentals, call branch 521 at 905-775-5025.

BDHS '50s-'60s Reunion

Bradford District High School grads and alumni, who attended the school from the mid 1950s to mid 1960s, are invited to the **BDHS '50s-'60s Reunion**, taking place on Saturday, April 30 from 1 p.m. until early evening at the China Gardens Restaurant, 382 Holland St. West. Bring your memories, photos and clippings of that great era now gone by, to share with your peers – there is no cost, except for what you eat and drink at China Gardens' great buffet. For more information, contact James Cooke, 519-881-1188, Bob Neilly at 905-713-4171 or Bill Williamson, 416-705-9581.

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Heritage in BWG

There has been a lot of discussion about the "Designation" of heritage properties.

It is the Ontario Heritage Act that sets out the criteria for Designation – and not every property qualifies. Careful research is needed before a property can be recommended for designation, research that identifies the heritage significance and important attributes. Is it a rare, unique, representative or very early example of a style or type of construction or material? Does it display a high degree of craftsmanship, artistic merit, technical or scientific achievement? Does it have an historical or associative value relating to a significant theme, event, belief, person, activity, institution or organization? Does it have important cultural meanings, associations and connections for a community? Is it important in defining the character of an area? Is it a landmark?

These are guidelines set by the province, within which the local Heritage Committee is working – while ensuring that the criteria are geared to Bradford West Gwillimbury, and its unique history and heritage.

The Brazel (also spelled Brazil or Brazill) House, built circa 1845 at South half-lot 24, Concession 7 in Bond Head, was designated by what was then Tecumseth Township, under the Ontario Heritage Foundation, on November 14, 1983. The Designating bylaw 83-65 was passed because the house is an excellent example of mid-19th Century building technology, reflecting the tradition and craftsmanship typical of Upper Canada. Special features include original doors – including the front entrance, complete with lock and key; window sashes and shutters; architraves; fireplace mantles; a complete staircase with balustrade; and original hardware.

This Georgian-inspired brick home was built by Patrick Brazel, an immigrant from Kings County, Ireland. He acquired the 100 acres from his uncle, Patrick Sr., and settled at the northeast corner of what is now County Rd. 27 and Line 7 in Bond Head.

Over the years, the Brazel house has been used as medical offices, a farm house, and a nursing home. It is currently the residence of David and June Chambers, who purchased the house and two acres in 1972. For the next 30 years, the Chambers restored their home - which has 12 over 12 windows with glass from the 1850s, shutters with original cast iron hinges and hand-forged tiebacks, a Regency verandah and entrance with sidelights - working with a Canadian restoration architect to preserve this important heritage building.

Designation publicly acknowledges the property's heritage value to the community, and conserves an important structure, for the benefit and enjoyment of the present and future generations.

- Article courtesy of the BWG Heritage Committee

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Brazel House, a Designated Heritage Property, in Bond Head.

Repercussions of the Irish Potato Famine

HELEN YIELDING
Tecumseth & West Gwill. Historical Society

The Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society's meeting on March 21, just a few days past St. Patrick's Day, was as Irish as it could get.

Bryan McLure, a student of Irish history who recently spent a year at Trinity College in Dublin, shared his insights into the Irish Potato Famine of 1845-89.

In the years leading up to 1845, the potato – especially the "lumper" variety, named for its shape – was the staple of the Irish economy. An estimated 2 million acres were planted in potatoes, in small family plots, providing a subsistence livelihood for Irish farmers in isolated villages.

The Lumper potato was high yielding, but susceptible to blight. When the potato blight destroyed the crop three years in a row, it was a disaster that had devastating effects on the population, economy, social legacy, and religion. More than 1 million people died of hunger. One to 2 million more emigrated, to England and to North America.

While England tried to help by shipping wheat to Ireland, the distribution of food was inefficient, and absentee English landowners resisted providing aid. The land holding system, under-developed social and political organization, added to the disaster.

Emigration was seen as a solution. The "coffin ships" carrying Irish emigrants to Canada alone doubled the population of Toronto in the late 1840s. Bitterness, political disunity, a devastated population, and limited economic reform contributed to the failed Irish Uprising of 1847 – but also to the rise of Catholicism, a growing Middle Class, and a growing desire for Irish independence.

The impacts of the famine, at home and abroad, continued for decades – and the repercussions still resonate today, as McLure raised questions of genocide, and the role of the British and Irish governments of the day.

Change of Date: The April meeting of the Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society will take place on Wednesday, April 20. Lori Oschefski will be guest speaker, talking about The British Home Children in Canada. Meet at the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, at 7:30 p.m. - followed by a social hour and refreshments. All welcome. For more information, contact June at 905-775-7144.

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Bradford Bakes at the Town and Country Living Show

Bradford Times Staff

Do you bake a mean pie? A terrific tart? Kooky cookies? The Bradford Board of Trade and Partners Counselling and Education Services are challenging professional bakers, aspiring bakers, and home bakers to enter the Bradford Bakes- Sweet Escapes competition, taking place at the Annual Town and Country Living Show on April 23.

There's room for only 13 booths, upstairs in the old Bradford and District Memorial Community Centre, for those wishing to participate in Bradford Bakes and feed BWG's sweet tooth – or just enter the competition in the pie, tart or cookie category for $10 per entry, with all proceeds going to the local Helping Hand Food Bank.

There will be ribbons for first and second place, and bragging rights! For more information or to sign up, see bradfordboardoftrade.com and follow the links to Bradford Bakes Sweet Escapes.

The BBT's fourth annual Town and Country Living Show, presented by Partners Counselling and Education Services, takes place at the old Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 23. The exciting show will offer exhibitors and visitors a great day of information, demonstrations, door prizes and entertainment.

There will be local business speakers, travel ideas, information on healthy eating, a children's activity area, live entertainment upstairs in the auditorium – and booths promoting everything from home renovations, landscaping and DIY, to tax advice, chiropractic, yoga and healthy lifestyles. Admission is free.

There are still a limited number of booths available - $200 per booth for Bradford Board of Trade members, $300 for non-members, for what is promising to be an exceptional, exciting, and entertaining day. For more information, see *bradfordboardoftrade.com.*

Gift from the Heart, at West Park Dental

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

April is Oral Health Month - and April 9-15 is National Dental Hygienists Week.

To mark the occasion, registered dental hygienists across the country participated in Gift from the Heart, on April 9 – a day of no-cost dental hygiene services.

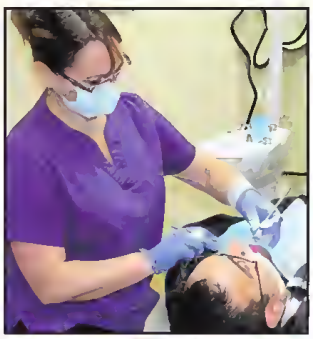
This is the eighth year for Gift from the Heart, with over 100 dental hygiene offices participating across the country. Most were independent offices but in Bradford, West Park Dental, operated by the husband-and-wife dental team of Dr. Harvey Kalsi and Dr. Tina Gautam, partnered to bring the initiative to the community.

The dental clinic, located at 442 Holland St. West in the West Park Plaza, employs three dental hygienists, all of whom were kept busy on Saturday morning, from 8 a.m. to noon, providing free cleanings to patients on limited incomes, those without dental plans, or who might otherwise have hesitated to step into a dentist's office.

Dr. Kalsi also reviewed each patient, checking for "issues" that needed further work. "We both look, so we don't miss anything," he explained, praising the Gift from the Heart initiative.

"It's a good idea. The mouth is the gateway to your body. What we see in the mouth can affect diabetes, heart disease, and overall body health."

Last year, Registered Dental Hygienists participating in the campaign treated over 800 patients across Canada, and over the past seven years, have provided over $400,000 in free cleanings and other services.



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Registered dental hygienist Jodie Sikkema works on a patient during Gift from the Heart day of no-cost dental hygiene services, at West Park Dental.

Dr. Kalsi and Dr. Gautam have been in Bradford for the past year and a half, after relocating from Beeton. Since then, they have been looking for ways to serve the community, and connect with patients. "We go out of our way for that," Dr. Kalsi said, "and we want to be part of the community."

Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer and members of council dropped in to tour the offices, and learn more about the Gift from the Heart initiative. They met with Dr. Kalsi, dental hygienists Janet Henderson, Jodie Sikkema and Leslie Kemp, and assistant Jayni Wadden, all of whom were dressed in purple to mark Registered Dental Hygienists Week, and show their professional pride.

"It's great when we have business owners that want to give back to the community," said Mayor Keffer.

Earth Day at the Museum

The Simcoe County Museum celebrates Earth Day this Sunday, April 17.

Spend the afternoon touring the museum grounds, and discovering the beauty of nature and Simcoe County's historic past. Make your own candle, a biodegradable plant pot, sample a refreshing pop with an herbal twist, and learn how to protect the Earth. At the museum, 1151 Hwy. 26 in Minesing (north of Barrie), from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Regular admission rates apply. For more information, see *museum.simcoe.ca* Note: Outdoor activities will depend on the weather.

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Can't help falling in love with All Shook Up

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

As director Debbie Collins notes, All Shook Up is more than a "fluffy piece of theatre held together by some great Elvis tunes."

It's a rollicking production filled with fun - great theatre that touches the heart, lets you look at love in a whole new way, and makes you laugh out loud. And audiences have been responding with cheers, applause and standing ovations.

Collins and producer Kathy Simpson have put together an outstanding ensemble cast for the South Simcoe Theatre production, ranging from seasoned performers like Rob Townsend, who plays widower 'Earl' with heart and flair, to theatre "newbies" like Beth Cromwell, whose 'Sylvia,' the owner of 'Sylvia's Honky-Tonk,' shows a range of musical and comedic flair.

Simply put, All Shook Up is a story about a mysterious stranger who rides into town on his motorbike, bringing the music to small town America. Stephen Dobby is perfect as the hip-swinging roustabout 'Chad'; Christine Farrah as 'Natalie/Ed,' who falls for him at first sight. Jenny Senior plays 'Sandra,' the sophisticated Monroe-esque museum curator, and Nathan Heydon shines as the introverted "best friend"/second fiddle 'Dennis' - but the entire cast contributes tremendous musical and comedic talent to the show, in a plot that is almost Shakespearean in its twists, turns and complications.

All Shook Up is well worth the trip to Cookstown, not only for those who love the music of Elvis, but for anyone who wants to see Community theatre at its top-notch best.

On stage at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown, with performances at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays, to April 24. Tickets are $23 each, available by calling the Box Office, 705-458-4432. For more information, see *www.southsimcoetheatre.com*

Note: Several local restaurants are offering specials for anyone who makes a reservation, and brings in their show ticket or stub for that day's performance – including The Wagon Wheel in Cookstown (705-458-0000); Iron Horse Bar & Grill in Cookstown (705-458-2500); The Cookstown Pub Co (705-291-2000); and Lefroy's Harbour House Grill (705-456-3663).

Spring Bi-Weekly Yard Waste Collection

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Place your materials at curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. To determine your yard waste collection week visit simcoe.ca/wastereminder or consult the waste management calendar. **Collection may not coincide with your garbage day.**

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Caged! Bob Pegg waits to be bailed out of the dog cage at Pet Valu, a fundraiser for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Bailing out Bob

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The temperature hovered around -10 degrees C with the windchill when Bob Pegg, bundled in a parka, gloves and blankets, took his place in an oversized dog cage, outside Pet Valu in Bradford.

It was all part of Pet Appreciation Month at the store, a month-long fundraiser for the Lions Foundation of Canada's Dog Guide program, and the Alliston Humane Society. Pegg had vowed to stay "behind bars" until bailed out by customers. His target? To raise $500, before the doors would swing open.

"At least it's not raining, at least it's not snowing," he said as he settled in. "And it's a good cause."

The Bradford store has set a fundraising target of $3,500, and so far has raised over $1,000, largely through the "sale" of paper paws for donations of $2, $5, $10 or more. The paws almost covered a front window, by the time Pegg climbed into the dog cage on April 9.

Pegg and his wife Liz are both members of the Bradford Lions Club, and strong supporters of the Dog Guide program, which provides specially-trained service dogs at no charge. Over the years, the Pet Valu chain has raised about $280,000 for the Lions Foundation through its Pet Appreciation initiatives.

Last year, the Bradford store, located at 442 Holland St. West in the West Park Plaza, set a fundraising target of $3,000 – and raised $3,100. The Peggs are hoping to beat their target again this year, as fundraising continues through the month of April.

Next weekend is Adoption Weekend. On April 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Alliston & District Humane Society will be bringing a selection of small pets and reptiles, looking for 'forever homes.' Laura Vree of Sweet Handmade will also be selling her edible PAW cookies.

And Bob? He was "bailed out" in just three and a half hours, after raising $537.

"Thank you for springing me so quickly!" he said, as he headed inside to warm up.

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Mon. to Fri.: 9am - 9pm
Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 10am - 6pm

Do the Marsh Mash!

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES FILE PHOTO

The 38th Annual Marsh Mash will be taking place on the Holland Marsh Canals on Saturday, May 14 – starting and finishing at Springdale Christian Reformed Church, at Canal Rd. and 5 Sideroad. The canoe and kayak marathon races are sanctioned by OMCKRA, the Ontario Marathon Canoe Kayak Racing Association, and once again will include qualifiers for the 2016 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championship, taking place in Germany this September – but all canoeists and kayakers, including Recreational paddlers, Stand-up Paddleboard, and Outriggers, are welcome to participate in races that range from 5K to 22K. There's even an Adult-Child Class. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on May 14, with a pre-race meeting to explain the course. Races begin at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Iain Craig, 905-893-1323 or visit www.marshmash.ca.

Community Listings

FRI., APR. 15

SPRING FLING AT LAKESIDE RETIREMENT: From 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Lakeside Retirement residence, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, enjoy spring-themed refreshments, door prizes, entertainment by John Pebble. RSVP to 705-431-8105 or 1-877-353-7432.

SAT., APR. 16

MY GIRLFRIEND'S CLOSET: Sale of gently-used clothing, accessories, purses, jewellery, at the Lakeshore Public Library in Alcona, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - a fundraiser for the Innisfil Friends of the Library.

CARE FOR YOUR HORSE & FARM WORKSHOP: At the Utopia Hall, 8396 Line 6, Essa Twp., 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free workshop for horse-owners; light lunch included. Pre-register at www.nvca.on.ca For info, contact Shannon Stephens, 705-424-1479 ext. 239.

APRIL POOL'S DAY: 3rd Annual Lifesaving Society fundraising event, 1:15 - 3 p.m. at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre, Bradford Lions Aquatic Centre pool, 471 West Park Ave. Learn drowning prevention techniques, basic self-help for water safety, rescue, proper use of lifejackets - and at 2 p.m. see a Lifejacket Relay Race, featuring BWG Lifeguards, Bradford Lions, Police, BWG Fire & Emergency Services and County of Simcoe Paramedics!

SIMCOE COUNTY FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE KEEP KIDS SAFE WORKSHOP: At Church's Farm Supplies, 3560 Line 7, Innisfil, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for kids ages 5-15. Includes lunch. Pre-register at 705-726-9300 ext. 1224.

INNISFIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS: 2 p.m. at the Knock Schoolhouse Heritage Site, Line 9 and 10 SR in Innisfil. Bob Banting will talk about his famous uncle, Sir Frederick Banting, co-discoverer of Insulin. All welcome.

BRETT BAKER - LIVE COUNTRY: Brett Baker plays at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, starting at 8 p.m. Tickets $10 at the door; includes door prizes, light snacks.

SUN., APR. 17

A CELEBRATION OF CHOIRS: Georgina and East Gwillimbury Church Choirs and Soloists perform at Sharon-Hope United Church, 18648 Leslie St., Sharon, 2-4:30 p.m. A fundraiser for the GEG Refugee Welcome Program. Also, Themed Gift Basket Raffle, tickets $2 each or 3 for $5.

HIGH TEA AT THE LEGION: The Bradford Legion Ladies Auxiliary invites everyone to Tea at the Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Wear your best Tea Party clothes, hats and gloves - all welcome!

THE SPLENDOUR OF SPRING CONCERT: New Tecumseth Singers and Orangeville's Dufferin Concert Singers present a Choral Concert at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 10 Sideroad and Line 8 BWG, 3:30 p.m. Featuring Schubert's Mass in G, and other choral works celebrating Peace and the Beauty of the Earth - with accompanists, and soloists. Tickets $15 at the door, free for children and youth under 16.

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS: At CHATS, 448 Holland St. West, at 10 a.m. For friends and family caring for a person with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias, to share coping strategies, challenges and successes, in a safe place. For infor, call 705-722-1066.

TUES., APR. 19

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E-mail listings to **mking@postmedia.com**.
Deadline for inclusion in Thursday's paper is Tuesday at 10 a.m. Listings of 50 words or less must be sent as a text document or in the body of an e-mail.

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Bradford Atom House League Team # 4 (Bradford Lions), winners of the 'B' Division HL Championship.

Bradford - April 9 was Championship Day for BWG Minor Hockey Atom House League divisions.

Bradford Bulldogs Atom House League Team #3 (Green), sponsored by Scotiabank, took the A Division Championship.

In the final, Team #3 defeated Team #2 (Yellow), sponsored by Poleiro BBQ, 1-0 – scoring the winning goal at 7:11 minutes into Overtime. Winning goal scored by Aadi Patel, in this exciting duel between goaltenders Carsyn Elliott and Antonino Spencer-Thompson.

Thanks go to the players, and to coaches Scott Reid (Atom #2) and Tim Callacott (Atom #3) for an exciting A Division Final.

In the B Division, Atom House League team #4 (Blue), sponsored by the Lions Club, faced off against Atom #1 (Black), sponsored by Water Depot, and skated to a 4-1 win for the title. Team #4 goals by Devin MacGregor with the hat trick, Alex Stam with a single. Team #1 goal by Christian Dantas. Thanks to Atom #1 coach Frank Ferragine and Atom #4 coach John Stam for a fun B Division Final.

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Bradford Bulldogs House League Team #3 (Scotiabank), 2015-2016 House League 'A' Division Champs.

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Obituaries

KOOY, Leendert (Kooij) - A.R.C.T., Director of the Ontario Christian Music Assembly for 55 years "Safe in the arms of Jesus", peacefully at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto on Thursday, April 7, 2016, of Toronto at 76 years of age. Beloved husband of late Maria. Father of Bill & Marg Kooy - Will (Emily), late Lisa, Sandra (Joe), Brandon (Kim); Rick & Monique Kooy - Daniel, Matthew; Johanna & Julio Alburquerque - Jireissy, Jifreissy, Julio Jr.; Harry & Sharon Kooy - Bradley (Laura), Katelyn (Jordan), Stacey (Jon), Jason; Jackie & Paul Dykxhoorn - Joel (Rachel), Joshua (Erika), Jesse (Shannon); Francy & Karl VanderVeen - Maria (Ryan), James (Jamie), Justin (Wendy), Rachel, Sarah; Len & Carrie Kooy - Felicia (Johan), Andrew (Kendall), Thomas, Darren (Alyssa), Evan (Megan); Albert & Mary-Ann Kooy - Peter (Jillayna), Timothy, Rebecca, Daniel, Michael, Carolyn; Benjamin & Joann Kooy - Alex, Jordan; and 15 great grandchildren. Loving brother of Arie & Nienke Kooy; Annie & Klaas Streutker; Kees & Alice Kooy; late Jan & Diane Kooy; Adrian & Willie Kooy. Special thanks to the staff at Sunnybrook Hospital, especially, Dr. Emmenegger and Nurse Sima. Friends called at the Springdale Christian Reformed Church, Bradford. Memorial service was held at the Church on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 2 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford.

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Church suppers and events

• Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, hosts a ***Roast Beef Dinner*** on Friday, April 22 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. - continuous servings! Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnips, carrots, peas, coleslaw, home-made pies for dessert, only $18 for adults, $8 for children ages 10 & under. For tickets call Sheryl MacPhail, 905-775-3134 or Lorna Oldreive, 905-853-8170. Fundraising silent auction

• St. Peter's Anglican Church, located at 6254 Yonge St. in Churchill, Innisfil, hosts a three-course ***ham supper*** on Friday, April 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. Includes pea soup, ham and scalloped potatoes, dessert and beverages. Adults $15, children 12 and under eat for free; tickets at the door. Wheelchair accessible at the side door; others please use the front entrance. All welcome. Call 705-436-9769 for information.

• ***Treasure Sale at Bradford United Church***, 66 Barrie St., from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23. Members have donated treasures from their basements, attics, closets and cupboards – and you can make those treasures your own, with a donation to the church. Or rent a table for only $15, and hold your own 'yard sale;' call the church at 905-775-7268 arrange for a rental.

• ***Euchre Party at Bradford United Church***, 66 Barrie St., from 1:30 to 3:30 on Saturday, April 23. Only $10 per person, at the door, for a social afternoon of cards, refreshments and prizes.

• ***Day of Joy at St. Peter's Anglican Church*** in Churchill, takes place April 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join speaker Ann Dempsey as she shares her message of joy for women of all denominations. $20 cost includes snacks and a hot lunch. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Call Linda at 705-436-9769 or Joan, 705-456-9373 for more information.

• ***Our Lady of Fatima Festival*** takes place May 7 and 8 in Bradford, including the Fatima Procession, starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church, after Mass. The evening concludes with a Dance at the Clube Portuges de Bradford (Portuguese Cultural Centre), at 767 Simcoe Road.

• ***The Festas da Irmandade Santissima Trindade***, or Festival of the Holy Trinity, takes place May 20-22, at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. Includes Mass at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church, on May 22, followed by a Procession at 2 p.m., and a community dinner open to all, at 4 p.m. at the Portuguese Cultural Centre, with Festival Mordomos (hosts) Norbert and Maria Madeiros. The evening ends with music and a Bazaar.

A Choral Concert

The New Tecumseth Singers will join Orangeville's Dufferin Concert Singers in an afternoon Choral Concert at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford, located on 10 Sideroad at Line 8, on Sunday, April 17. The "Splendor of Spring" concert will feature Franz Schubert's Mass in G, with soloists (including Jennifer Taylor, Sunyatta Guild, Heather Faris, Sean Derraugh, Amelia DePiero and Alessandra Garzon), and other choral music celebrating peace and the beauty of the Earth. The concert begins at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $15, at the door – free for children and youth under 16. For more information, see *www.thenewtecumsethsingers.com*, or check out TNTSingers on Facebook.com.

Welcoming Latin Fiesta to Bradford

Bradford Times Staff

Adriana Salinas McNeill is a wife, mother, a businesswoman who has operated her own hair salon for 15 years.

She is also an ambassador for Latin culture, and for the past three years, has spent more and more of her time promoting the Latin community, and sharing the culture with her neighbours.

Her goal? "To promote Spanish-speaking businesses... To let people know the Latin community is a big part of Simcoe County. It's growing." And to bring "vacation" to Bradford.

So many Canadians opt to travel to Spanish-speaking countries – to Mexico, Central America, South America – for their vacations, she says, that Adriana and her brother, Gustavo Salinas created The Latin Group (TLG Inc.) to bring that culture and "Fiesta" to Canada.

"I want people to have a beautiful time. That's the idea – to bring the Latin Community to Bradford."

TLG Inc. will be hosting Hola Latin Fiesta at the Portuguese Cultural Centre in Bradford on Saturday, July 16 – an opportunity to experience an evening of Latin culture, featuring food, door prize, entertainment by Pablo Terry and Sol de Cuba band, dance lessons, and more. Tickets are $20 per person, available from admin@tlginc.ca.

"We're trying to grab Mexico, Central America, South America – all the Spanish people in Bradford West Gwillimbury, Innisfil, Barrie," Adriana says, but also the community at large. "We want to invite everyone. Bradford has Carrotfest, Ribfest – and now, Latin Fiesta!"

She credits husband James McNeill with helping to organize and bring together the concept – and for his help in another initiative: petitioning the town to proclaim Colombian Independence Day, on July 23, and raise the Colombian flag at the Bradford Courthouse.

It will open the door for other Spanish groups to celebrate their heritage, and "promote the Latin flavour in Bradford!"

TLG Inc. will be making a presentation to council on April 19.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library volunteers were kept busy over the weekend, at their annual Spring Book Sale at the Library – and once again, the Sale proved that e-readers are great for travel, but there's nothing like a real book, to inspire and spur the imagination. Paperbacks, hardbacks, fiction\ and non-fiction, young adult and children's books, CDs and DVDs – culled from library shelves or donated by patrons – were on sale, most for $1 or less, and record numbers of book-lovers came out to browse and buy.
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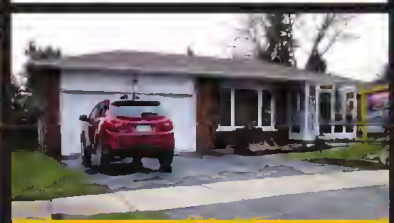

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